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From the office of Chairman Doug Little Arizona Corporation Commission

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TO:

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DATE:

August 25, 2016

FROM:

Chairman Doug Little's Office

SUBJECT:

APS E-01345A-16-0036

APS E-01345A-16-0123

Chairman Little's office received 5 letters referencing, and in opposition to, the above docket numbers. The letters can be viewed in docket or online via the docket link.

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AZ Corporation Commission
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Docket# E-01345A-16-0036 E-10345A-16-0123

Sir,

As an APS customer and resident of Surprise, I object wholeheartedly to the APS recommend for mandatory demand charges (MDC). The suggestion that we stagger the use of our Air conditioner is ridiculous in the summer here in Phoenix. I am on a very tight budget and summertime costs are hard enough.

With this mandatory demand charges (MDC) it would produce drastically increased charges each month. With this MDC my kilowatt usage would go up and I would end up paying the larger bill. I cannot afford it, it isn't right and is definitely not fair.

Keep our residential demand charges available as a choice, which is where they belong.

**VOTE AGAINST MANDATORY DEMAND CHARGES** 

Respectfully Kelly Craig

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**Docket:** E-01345A-16-0036 E-10345A-16-0123

August 17, 2016

Mr. Doug Little
Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners' Wing
1200 W. Washington – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Mr. Little:

As an APS ratepayer and Sun City Resident, I **<u>strongly object</u>** to the APS recommendation for **<u>Mandatory Demand Charges</u>**.

With this mandatory demand charge, it could produce radically different charges every month. All of a sudden we would have spiked our kilowatt usage way up from what it normally is for a short period of time, but yet we are going to get stuck with a larger bill for that. I don't think that is right.

Residential demand charges are currently available as a choice. That is exactly where they belong.

Please vote against Mandatory Demand Charges.

Respectfully submitted,

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Γo: Arizona Corporate Commission (ACC)

Chairman: Doug Little

Commissioners: Tom Forese, Bob Stump, Bob Burns, Andy Tobin

Date: 23 Aug 2016

From: Timothy M. Lyon Capt. USAF Ret. 14213 N. McPhee Dr. Sun City, AZ. 85351 623-544-3496

Subject: APS Rate Case, E-01345A-16-0036 E-10345A-16-0123

Commissioners,

The Rate case filed by APS on 1 June 2016 to the Arizona Corporate Commission is nothing more than a vehicle to confiscate all private solar power for their own benefit and use.

Let me lay out four ways that this is done based on the APS rate case before you now.

- 1. APS wants 3 rates, R1, R2, & R3, and all solar customers must be on the R3 rate. That rate immediately adds \$24 to my electric bill in a basic monthly service charge. That alone raises my bill by 300%.
- 2. The Demand charge under R3 of \$16.40/kW summer and \$11.50/kW winter between the hours of 3PM and 8PM will raise my bill at least another \$16.40/Month. Now my bill is up by 450%.
- 3. The change of on peak hours to between 3PM and 8PM is not coincidental by APS. That is a time frame that solar households only produce about 10% of their total daily output. That further increases our costs. My bill is now about 500% higher.
  - APS expects the retired people of Arizona where summer temperatures range up to energy in the summer between 3 PM and 8 PM.
- 4. Changing the Net Metering from retail to wholesale credit also gives APS almost total use of my energy production. As an example; presently I produce about 1550 kWh more than I use from January through May. This is kWh that APS charges my neighbors retail price for. That is all pure profit. APS did not have to produce that energy, did not have to transmit that energy and had no power line losses for transmitting that energy over long distances. Changing my credit to a wholesale rate of 3 cents per kWh means that I would only be credited for 388 kWh. That would not even get me through the month of June thereby raising my bill for June, July and August by a considerable amount. This will increase my bill during those three months by, \$100/mo., based on prior years usage. APS would make approximately \$120 off of my excess energy. With 40,000 solar households that is a tidy little \$4,800,000 pure profit for APS.

APS tells us not to worry because APS is asking for all present solar residents to be grandfathered for 20 years. APS knows hat ACC staff has recommended that grandfathering should be done away with at the next rate case, which is this one. Staff is concerned that us DG customers "would not be able to receive benefits (if any) of future changes or rate structures. Therefore, Staff clarifies that its use of the term "grandfather" means that the status quo for existing DG customers should be preserved until such time as the Commission considers this issue in APS's next rate case or n other future orders of the Commission."

Under this rate plan my investment in solar will effectively been turned over to APS. My bill under this rate plan will be close to what is was before I invested in Solar.

Γhose without solar will see a very large increase in their bills also.

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Date: 8-18-14

Doug Little Commissioner **Arizona Corporation Commission** Commissioners Wing 1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. Little:

As an APS ratepayer and Sun City Resident, I strongly object to the APS recommendation for Mandatory Demand Charges.

With this mandatory demand charge, it could produce radically different charges every month. All of a sudden we would have spiked our kilowatt usage way up from what it normally is for a short period of time, but yet we are going to get stuck with a larger bill for that. I don't think that's right.

Residential demand charges are currently available as a choice. That is exactly where they belong.

Please vote against Mandatory Demand Charges.

Respectfully submitted,

Arizona Corporation Commission Consumer Services Section 1200 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket # E-01345A-16-0036 E-10345A-16-0123

To Arizona Corporation Commissioners:

As a resident of northern Arizona, *I strongly oppose any rate increase by APS*.

Every time I receive a bill from APS I get frustrated by the amount of additional frivolous charges that are added to my bill.

Do you realize that my APS bill (residential) has 20 line items? Fifteen (15) line items for the cost of electricity used and five (5) line items for taxes and fees?

Do you realize that my APS bill (business) has 21 line items? Sixteen (16) line items for Cost of electricity used and five (5) line items for taxes and fees?

Why am I paying for an environmental benefits surcharge? What environmental benefits? Are these the costs that are imposed as a result of excessive EPA rules and regulations? Are these the costs associated with providing the color handouts that accompany my bill every month encouraging me to be green and go paperless? What is the difference between the Environmental Benefits surcharge and the Federal environmental improvement surcharge? Are those charges for the handouts? How are these related to the System benefits charge? What system benefits?

I do not want to pay for some else's solar panels. It is not economically feasible at this point and all attempts by the federal government to subsidize solar has cost all of the rest of us. The only ones that can afford the panels are those that can afford to pay up front and then wait to be reimbursed by APS. How does this help the little guy? It doesn't, it drives the cost up to all of us. Look at the Solyndra boondoggle – 500 million gone and we all paid for it.

Now let's talk about metering. Several years ago APS replaced most meters with new smart meters yet many existing meters were fine. I do not see where meter replacement has helped reduce any cost as they continue to go up. Now another increase is in the works? I thought the smart meters were supposed to help level out power spikes, allow remote reading and overall reduce costs – they have not.

Four Corners Adjustment? Is this the result of the EPA's efforts to circumvent congress in establishing a national energy policy that is resulting in the closure of coal burning electricity plants?

Power plants all across the United States and Arizona have provided the United States with a consistent supply of affordable and reliable power. Our power grid has provided the United States and Arizona with a long period of tremendous economic growth and development. Power plants have provided my region with nearly incalculable economic and social benefits that the EPA, the president of the United States, and environmental activists groups have chosen to ignore and continue to ignore.

With all of this in mind, again, <u>I strongly oppose the increase requested by APS</u> and <u>stop the attacks on rural America</u>. Instead, please oppose those groups and government entities that continue to oppress us, the American People.

Sincerely,

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